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SUBJ: TEXTILES: VISIT TO WASHINGTON BY LDP DIETMEN

SUMMARY: FOUR LDP DIETMEN, MEMBERS LDP TEXTILE COMMITTEE, PLANNING VISIT WASHINGTON. WOULD APPRECIATE ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING CALLS. VISIT IMPORTANT IN TERMS UPCOMING BILATERAL TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS. ACTION REQUESTED DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING VISIT. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING DISCUSSIONS WITH MINISTER JURICH ON MAY 16 GOTO (SUZUKI REPLACEMENT), COUNCILOR, CONSUMER GOODS INDUSTRIES BUREAU, MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY, SAID FOUR LDP LOWER HOUSE MEMBERS, WHO SIT ON LDP TEXTILE COMMITTEE, PLAN VISIT WASHINGTON FOLLOWING CLOSE OF PRESENT DIET. PLAN NOW IS TO DEPART TOKYO JUNE 5 AND ARRIVE NEW YORK SAME DAY. GROUP WOULD THEN PLAN ARRIVE WASHINGTON A.M. MAY 6. MAY 7 WOULD BE RESERVED FOR MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON. MAY 8 WOULD BE LEFT FREE. GOTO SAID GROUP WOULD LIKE MEET CONGRESSMAN MILLS, SECRETARY OF COMMERCE DENT, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE INGERSOLL AND MINISTER JURICH DURING VISIT.

2. FOLLOWING FOUR DIETMAN WOULD MAKE TRIP:

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A) SAKONSHIRO INAMURA, CHAIRMAN, SPECIAL COMMITTEE

ON TEXTILE INDUSTRY (LDP), LOWER HOUSE MEMBER FROM ISHIKAWA (MAN-MADE WEAVING INDUSTRY CENTER), MIZUTA FACTION MEMBER.

B) KABUN MUTO, COMMITTEE MEMBER, LOWER HOUSE MEMBER FROM GIFU (WOOL AREA), NAKASONE FACTION.

C) TOSHIKI KAIFU, COMMITTEE MEMBER, LOWER HOUSE MEMBER FROM AIICHI (WOOL AREA), MIKI FACTION.

D) YOSHIRO MORI, COMMITTEE MEMBER, LOWER HOUSE MEMBER FROM ISHIKAWA, FUKUDA FACTION.

3. IN DISCUSSION OF VISIT GOTO SAID DIETMEN WOULD NOT WANT TO ENGAGE IN DETAILED DISCUSSIONS, BUT WOULD RATHER HOPE REVIEW SITUATION IN MORE GENERAL TERMS. VISIT IMPORTANT IN TERMS POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS INVOLVED IN TEXTILE PROBLEM IN JAPAN. TRIP WOULD BE VISIBLE DEMONSTRATION TO INDUSTRY HERE THAT POLITICAL FIGURES CONCERNED. TRIP ALSO SEEN AS PLUS FOR LDP IN UPPER HOUSE ELECTION. BOTH MITI AND FONOFF COMMITTED TO KEEPING CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS OUT OF POLITICAL ARENA AND TRIP SEEN AS CONTRIBUTING TO THIS GOAL.

4. MINISTER JURICH SAID CALLS DESIRED BY DIETMEN MOST APPROPRIATE AND SUGGESTED IN ADDITION THEY CONSIDER MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF JOINT INFORMAL CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON TEXTILES. HE OFFERED ASSISTANCE IN HELPING ARRANGE SUCH A MEETING.

5. ACTION REQUESTED. DEPT. ASSIST, IN COORDINATION WITH JAPANESE EMBASSY WASHINGTON AND MINISTER JURICH, IN ARRANGEMENTS FOR CALLS ON CONGRESSMAN MILLS, SECRETARY OF COMMERCE DENT., ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE INGERSOLL, MINISTER JURICH, AND MEETING WITH MEMBERS INFORMAL CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON TEXTILES.
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